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1. Short Title and Commencement

- 1.1 These rules shall be called the Tamil Nadu Non-Lapsable Road Safety Fund Rules, 2022.
- 1.2 They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The Tamil Nadu Non-Lapsable Road Safety Fund has been created to implement Road Safety measures such as Road Engineering, Traffic Enforcement, Trauma Care, etc., and Road Safety awareness creating activities through digital/print media, conducting of road safety exhibition, etc.
- 2.2 The fund primarily caters to rapid deployment of funds to minimize delays out of conventional funding mechanisms to further road safety and to facilitate innovative interventions to aid and augment the vision of '**Accident free Tamil Nadu by 2030**'.

3. Definitions

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) 'Fund' means Tamil Nadu Non-Lapsable Road Safety Fund.
- (b) 'Year' means financial year.
- (c) 'Committee' means 'Inter Departmental Committee on Road Safety Fund'.
- (d) 'Safety' means preventive measures taken for safe road transport.
- (e) 'Traffic Education' means appropriate knowledge of rules and regulations relating to traffic on Road safety.
- (f) 'Traffic Enforcement' means measures taken to ensure smooth transport operations, *i.e.*, identifying traffic violations, reduction of road accidents, etc.
- (g) 'Emergency Care' means care taken during emergency situations created during road transportation which includes medical and other care.

4. Constitution

The fund shall be constituted from the amount received through the following:

- (a) Grant received from State Government.
- (b) Grants received from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India, International Organizations, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or any other Non-Profitable Organizations for the purpose of Road Safety.
- (c) By transfer of 50% of the compounding fees collected under Motor Vehicles Rules and spot fines collected by Police and Transport Department.

5. Administration

- 5.1 The Transport Commissioner / Road Safety Commissioner shall be the controlling authority of the fund.
- 5.2 The fund shall be administered by the Inter Departmental Committee on Road Safety Fund consisting of the following officials.

(i)	Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary to Government, Home, P & E Department	Chairperson
(ii)	Transport Commissioner/Road Safety Commissioner	Member
(iii)	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department	Member
(iv)	Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Police (T&RS), Office of the Director General of Police	Member
(v)	Director General, Highways Department, Guindy.	Member
(vi)	The Secretary to Government, Transport Department	Member
(vii)	The Secretary to Government, Health & Family welfare Department	Member
(viii)	Joint Transport Commissioner (Road Safety)	Convener and Member Secretary

5.3 The Inter Departmental Committee on Road Safety Fund shall meet once in six months or as and when the necessity arises.

5.4 The quorum of the committee shall not be less than four.

6. Proposals that Qualify for Assistance under the Fund

- 6.1 Execution of road infrastructural enhancements.
- 6.2 Purchase of barricades, cones and other traffic calming and regulating equipments / measures.
- 6.3 Road safety awareness activities such as traffic education parks, road safety exhibition, etc.,
- 6.4 Creating Road Safety Awareness through digital/print media.
- 6.5 Innovative and experimental measures from all Stakeholder Departments to further the cause of Road Safety.
- 6.6 Organizing various activities like painting, essay writing, debate, competitions, etc., on awareness of traffic rules/regulations to students.
- 6.7 Organizing training/workshop at Anna Administrative Staff College.
- 6.8 Ensuring collection, quality and analysis of data on Road Safety preferably through iRAD app/RADMS. Accident rectification proposals identified through iRAD app shall be accorded priority.
- 6.9 Provision of funds to the Education Department towards the activities of Road Safety Club established in schools and its subsequent enhancement.
- 6.10 Organizing Road Safety week/month every year as directed by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India.
- 6.11 Preparation of books, audio, visual and other instructional material and organizing training for drivers, traffic police, paramedical personnel and different classes of road users.
- 6.12 Studies to identify the causes of road accidents, to identify accident prone spots and recommend remedial measures.
- 6.13 Preparing slides on traffic rules and their public screening.
- 6.14 Put up hoardings and release advertisements in newspapers on traffic rules and road safety.
- 6.15 Release of Hon'ble Chief Minister's Road Safety messages during the road safety week / month celebrations every year.
- 6.16 Proposals on Road Safety enhancements from Village Panchayats shall be actively encouraged and the same shall be sent to Transport Commissioner / Road Safety Commissioner after approval by concerned District Road Safety Committee.

- 6.17 Accidents spots as captured by Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) and discussed in District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) meeting shall be given preference for remedial measures in the Road Safety Fund proposals.
- 6.18 Special projects that the Committee considers necessary, a Report on this shall be submitted to the Government by the Inter Departmental Committee (IDC).
- 6.19 Purchase and maintenance of computer for traffic data / accident data analysis.
- 6.20 Road Safety programmes / any other Special initiatives recommended by the Transport Commissioner/Road Safety Commissioner and from other Stakeholder Departments to the Government shall be considered by the Committee and sanctioned as per the guidelines issued from time to time.
- 6.21 State Level Road Safety proposals shall be given top priority.

7. Procedure for Allocation of Fund

- 7.1 Necessary provisions for the Non-lapsable Road Safety Fund shall be made in the budget by the Government every financial year based on the proposal from the Transport Commissioner / Road Safety Commissioner.
- 7.2 All Proposals from the District Collectors / Stakeholder Departments shall ordinarily be sent to the Transport Commissioner / Road Safety Commissioner through the Head of Department concerned after approval by the concerned District Road Safety Committee.
- 7.3 The State Level Road Safety proposals shall be sent by the Head of Departments directly to the Transport Commissioner / Road Safety Commissioner.
- 7.4 The Member Secretary shall process the proposal and obtain recommendation of the Transport Commissioner/ Road Safety Commissioner and make necessary arrangement to place before the Inter Departmental Committee for approval.
- 7.5 The Stakeholder Departments while presenting their proposals before the (Inter Departmental Committee) IDC for sanction of Road Safety Fund, not below the rank of second level officer of the department shall explain the details of the proposals.
- 7.6 On approval of the Committee, the Member Secretary shall issue necessary proceedings.
- 7.7 Proposals claiming fund from Road Safety Fund shall have adequate explanation for not claiming the same through their own departmental funding mechanisms.
- 7.8 No stakeholder department shall claim Road Safety Fund for Project which has already been claimed funding through some other scheme. The proposals must be certified that they are not claimed under any other sources.
- 7.9 The Head of Department of Stakeholder Departments should quote uniform price for each and every Road Safety equipment/work throughout Tamil Nadu while seeking funds through the District Road Safety Committee.
- 7.10 Proposals other than Road Safety related works shall not be entertained.
- 7.11 All the Stakeholder Departments should ensure that there is no repetition of items of works from their respective domain.
- 7.12 Utmost care shall be exercised by the Stakeholder Departments while sending proposals under Road Safety Fund requirements. Any alteration/modification/ratification for the proposals already forwarded shall not be entertained.
- 7.13 In case of pending works / purchases, the status of the same shall be communicated to the Transport Commissioner/ Road Safety Commissioner periodically not exceeding a period of three months. Works sanctioned under Road Safety Fund and pending for more than one year shall be taken up by (Inter Departmental Committee) IDC for review.

8. Sanction and Release of Funds

- 8.1 The eligibility and the scale of funding and the nature of project shall be determined and decided by the (Inter Departmental Committee) IDC only.

- 8.2 Transport Commissioner/Road Safety Commissioner has the liberty to inspect any Stakeholder Department and to ensure that the Road Safety Fund is being utilized in proper manner.
- 8.3 The (Inter Departmental Committee) IDC shall sanction funds on approval of the project and the release of funds for the current year shall be based on requirement. Funds for the subsequent years shall be released on submission of Utilization Certificate (U.C) for the funds released in the previous years.
- 8.4 Funds for the proposal thus approved by the Inter Departmental Committee shall be sanctioned and disbursed to the Stakeholder Departments through IFHRMS / ECS only.
- 8.5 The submission of Road Safety Fund proposals, convening of the IDC and the submission of Utilization Certificate (U.C) shall be within the time frame as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Details	Time limit
1.	Submission of Road Safety Fund proposals and convening of (Inter Departmental Committee) IDC	Within first quarter of the financial year (within 30th June)
2.	Release of Road Safety Fund	Within second quarter (within 30th September)
3.	Monitoring of utilization of Road Safety Fund	Within third and fourth quarter (within 31st March)

9. Utilization of Road Safety Fund

- 9.1 The Road Safety Fund sanctioned to the Stakeholder Departments, *i.e.*, Police, Transport, Highways, Health and Education Departments shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned. The Road Safety Fund should not be utilized for other than the purpose for which the fund was sanctioned and if not, the same should be remitted back to the Fund account.
- 9.2 All the Stakeholder Departments shall submit the Utilization Certificate (U.C) for the amount sanctioned by the (Inter Departmental Committee) IDC before the end of financial year or otherwise after the completion of the project.
- 9.3 The Utilization Certificates (U.C) for the sanctioned work shall be sent to the Transport Commissioner/Road Safety Commissioner through their respective District Collector (by soft copy) along with supporting documents like images/videos/portable document format (pdf) of the executed/purchased works and items.
- 9.4 Authentication of Utilization Certificate
- The Utilization Certificate should be supported by copies of proper vouchers/bills duly signed by the Regional Officers/District Level Officers and maintained by their respective departments for audit purpose.
 - All the Utilization Certificates received shall be authenticated by the Personal Assistant (Accounts) to District Collectors concerned.
 - Utilization Certificate shall be certified by the respective District Collectors.
- 9.5 On completion of scheme/proposal the Stakeholder Departments should have foolproof and transparent accounting procedures exclusively for Road Safety Fund.
- 9.6 The unspent amount, if any, available with District Collectors/stakeholder department in the savings/current bank account should be remitted back to the Fund Account before the end of the financial year.
- 9.7 In the beginning of every financial year, *i.e.*, at the time of fresh allotment, previous year Utilization Certificate (U.C) shall be submitted.
- 9.8 Fresh proposals received from Stakeholder Departments for sanction of Road Safety Fund shall be considered only after the receipt of Utilization Certificates (U.C) for the funds sanctioned during the previous years.
- 9.9 At the end of each Financial Year, all the Stakeholder Departments shall submit reconciled statement from Accountant General (A.G) at Regional Level, for the amount sanctioned under this Road Safety Fund to the Transport Commissioner/Road Safety Commissioner.

9.10 The Head of the Departments of respective Stakeholder Departments shall monitor and ensure the timely completion of the works sanctioned and any delay/barriers shall be communicated to the Transport Commissioner/Road Safety Commissioner at once.

9.11 Non Lapsable Road Safety Fund has been constituted mainly to utilize the fund without any financial year barriers but at the same time project should not be dragged on without any valid reasons.

10. Audit

10.1 The fund shall be audited by the Accountant General, at the time intervals prescribed by them.

10.2 The fund shall be audited once in a year by the Local Fund Audit and a report on this shall be submitted to the Government by the Committee.

11. General

This fund should not be utilized for any compensatory purposes.

12. Repeal

The Tamil Nadu Road Safety Rules, 2000 is hereby repealed.

13. Interpretation

If there be any questions about the interpretation of these rules, clarification released by the Home Department, Government of Tamil Nadu shall be final.

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